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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1708**  
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In view of the accompanying verified translation of the foreign priority document, reconsideration of the rejections contained in the Office Action of February 12, 2008 and reexamination of this application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that all of claims 18, 21-2629-34, 36, 38, 41 and 43 were in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is thanked for this indication. However the Examiner went on to reject claims 19, 20, 27, 28, 40 and 42 as being anticipated by Ikawa, US Patent Publication 2004/0066714.

Ikawa is available as a reference as of its filing date of July 9, 2003 under 35 USC 102(e). Applicants claim benefit of their Japanese priority application filing date of February 19, 2003, and a verified translation of the priority application is attached. It is submitted that the priority application fully supports each of claims 19, 20, 27, 28, 40 and 42 and that these claims are

entitled to benefit of the Japanese filing date of February 19, 2003. Withdrawal of the rejection based on Ikawa is accordingly requested.

The above resolves all outstanding issues in the application. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to allow the application as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,

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